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WorkPro welcomes COAG decision to harmonise OHS legislation

Online training and induction provider, WorkPro, has welcomed the decision by the Committee of Australian Governments (COAG) to make Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) harmonisation their highest priority.

Co-founder of WorkPro and employment policy expert, Mr Charles Cameron, said the time is ripe for State Governments to cut red-tape on OHS compliance, and that the move towards a unitary system is in line with what WorkPro is trying to achieve for employers.

"As the mobility of our labour market increases, creating nationally consistent OHS laws makes sense and is long overdue," Mr Cameron said.

"The recruitment industry's enthusiastic take-up of WorkPro in the 16 months since its inception is a sign of employers' willingness to improve current systems and their need for a simple and user-friendly compliance regime.

"It's fantastic to see that COAG will now deliver legislation that reflects the widespread demand for consistency and mobility," he said.

Mr Cameron said that WorkPro, the nationally centralised and online OHS induction system, was already making the push for co-operation, consistency and co-ordination a reality for employers.

"Hundreds of recruitment agencies, including IPA, Hallis, Weststaff and Bayside, are already streamlining their OHS systems by utilising WorkPro. A nationally consistent OHS framework will make this task even more achievable," he said.

General Manager of IPA, Deb Brown, said WorkPro has allowed the company to keep on top of changing OHS legislation, and implement a system that can track candidate's assessments for future-proofing.

"Operating in six states, IPA inducts a high volume of temporary candidates for a wide range of industries, and across 65 offices nationally.. As a result, keeping track of who has had adequate OHS training, and whether that training meets legislative requirements has in the past proven challenging." Ms Brown said.

"WorkPro has reduced the need for us to constantly review processes and has therefore reduced the risk and cost to the business," she said.

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About WorkPro:

WorkPro is an online Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) induction solution designed specifically for the recruitment and on-hire industry. WorkPro streamlines the safety compliance process for on-hire employers and candidates, by creating, storing, sharing and managing their personal information and induction assessment results in a centralised, on-line system that can be made accessible to each new employer.



WorkPro's induction modules have been developed to meet WorkSafe legislative requirements, and are tailored to meet industry-specific and role-specific needs.

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